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SUBJECT:NICOLAE/ARMITAGE MEETING MAY 24

1. AMBASSADOR NICOLAE CALLED ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMITAGE MAY 24 TO REVIEW ARMITAGE'S RECENT VISIT TO BUCHAREST. ARMITAGE SUMMARIZED HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH ROMANIAN OFFICIALS, INCLUDING ANDREI, GLIGA AND MARGARITescu, AND REITERATED ADMINISTRATION'S DEEP COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS, ADDING THAT WE DESIRE GOOD RELATIONS WITH ROMANIA, DO NOT WISH TO INTERFERE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS, BUT FELT NEED TO DISCUSS HUMAN RIGHTS CANDIDLY AND PRIVATELY SO AS TO AVOID CIRCUMSTANCE IN WHICH THIS GOVERNMENT MIGHT BE COMPELLED TO SPEAK OUT PUBLICLY. IMPRESSION ARMITAGE HAD RECEIVED IN BUCHAREST, IN CONTEXT OF THE MAY 8 AMNESTY, WAS ONE OF CONSIDERABLE FLEXIBILITY AND RESTRAINT. GLIGA HAD VOLUNTEERED THAT GOMA AND TON WERE NOT BEING HELD, BUT APPARENTLY GEORGESCU IS STILL UNDER DETENTION AND MIGHT FACE SERIOUS CHARGES. ARMITAGE
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SAID GEORGESCU'S SITUATION HAS AROUSED CONSIDERABLE CONCERN AMONG HIS MANY PROFESSIONAL COLLEAGUES IN THE U.S., WHO RESPECT HIM AS A DISTINGUISHED SOCIAL SCIENTIST AND MAN OF PROBITY AND CHARACTER.

2. NICOLAE SAID HE WANTED TO MAKE THREE POINTS. FIRST,

THE REACTION HE HAD RECEIVED FROM BUCHAREST FOLLOWING HIS MEETING MAY 5 WITH COUNSELOR NIMETZ AND ARMITAGE, AS WELL AS RECENT ARMITAGE VISIT, WAS GENERALLY POSITIVE. SUCH CANDID TALKS WERE USEFUL AND SHOULD BE CONTINUED. SECOND, ARMITAGE'S VISIT WAS A VALUABLE DEMONSTRATION THAT THE U.S. IS CLEARLY INTERESTED IN DEVELOPING RELATIONS WITH ROMANIA. NICOLAE SAID HE HAD SOMETIMES RECEIVED THE IMPRESSION THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER AMERICAN AUTHORITIES WERE NOT AS INTERESTED AS BEFORE IN DEVELOPING BILATERAL RELATIONS. THIRD, THE HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEM SHOULD BE SEEN AS A PROBLEM OF "DEVELOPMENT," WHICH WILL REQUIRE EACH SIDE TO UNDERSTAND THE OTHER'S POINT OF VIEW. THE FOCUS SHOULD BE ON SEEKING "GLOBAL" SOLUTIONS, NOT INDIVIDUAL CASES, ALTHOUGH IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO HAVE SOME DISCUSSION OF THE PHILOSOPHY BEHIND THE ROMANIAN HANDLING OF INDIVIDUAL CASES. NICOLAE CLAIMED THAT THE "REAL" REASON BEHIND GOMA'S "DISSIDENCE," FOR EXAMPLE, WAS HIS UNHAPPINESS ABOUT HIS POSITION VIS-A-VIS THE WRITERS' UNION. NICOLAE ALSO MAINTAINED THAT TON WAS NEVER ARRESTED.

3. ARMITAGE RESPONDED THAT THE CONCERN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS GENERALLY TENDS TO FOCUS ON INDIVIDUAL CASES, BECAUSE THE ISSUE IS THE RIGHTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL IN RELATION TO THE STATE. HE ADDED THAT WITH MFN RENEWAL COMING UP, IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT FOR THE ADMINISTRATION TO BE IN THE BEST POSSIBLE POSITION TO JUSTIFY CONTINUED EXTENSION OF MFN TO ROMANIA AND IMPROVEMENT IN ROMANIAN PERFORMANCE ON EMIGRATION BOTH TO US AND TO ISRAEL IS NEEDED. NICOLAE RECALLED FROM MEMORY THAT DURING THE PERIOD JANUARY 1 -
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MAY 3, THE GOR HAD ISSUED 554 PASSPORTS FOR EMIGRATION TO ISRAEL AND 665 FOR EMIGRATION TO THE U.S.

4. ARMITAGE ALSO TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO ASK NICOLAE TO RELAY DEPARTMENT'S CONCERN ABOUT THE DECREE GIVING ODCD INCREASED AUTHORITY OVER EMBASSY LOCAL EMPLOYEES, WHICH THREATENS TO SERIOUSLY ENCUMBER EMBASSY'S RELATIONS WITH STAFF, AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT GOR WOULD GIVE THE DECREE FURTHER STUDY. VANCE

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